

TOPIC Military Information from Schwerin

EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

DATE OF CONTENT

25X1

DATE OBTAINED

DATE PREPARED

22 August 1952

REFERENCES

5

PAGES

ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

1. During the period from 14 to 16 July 1952, the Fritsch Kaserne on Johann Stelling Strasse, Schwerin (M 54/T 46), was occupied by a headquarters and 1,000 soldiers.

2. During the period from 14 to 16 July, the Moltke Kaserne on Ludwigsluster Strasse was occupied by about 1,000 soldiers.

3. During the period from 14 to 16 July, the Krueger Kaserne, south of Moltke Kaserne, was occupied by at least 1,000 soldiers. Prime movers were seen in the barracks area.

4. During the period from 14 to 16 July, the Hindenburg Kaserne on Guestrower Strasse was occupied by about 500 soldiers.

5. During the period from 14 to 16 July, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne on Ludwigsluster Chaussee appeared almost vacant.

6. On 9 July, the Fritsch Kaserne on Johann Stelling Strasse was occupied by about 800 soldiers. The south section of the installation housed a headquarters. An unusually large number of uniformed women was seen.

CLASSIFICATION SECRET/CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY

- 2 -

25X1 No training activity was noticed. [REDACTED]

- 25X1 7. On 9 July, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne on Ludwigsluster Chaussee was partially occupied by about 1,200 soldiers. The soldiers were seen receiving training on three 85-mm AA guns, as well as on heavy machine guns, light machine guns and signal equipment in the adjacent training area. An undetermined number of 85-mm AA guns were parked in the barracks yard. [REDACTED]

- 25X1 8. On 9 July, the Krueger Kaserne on Ludwigsluster Strasse was occupied by about 1,000 soldiers, believed [REDACTED] to be recruits. On 30 June, eight 76.2-mm field guns coupled to trucks [REDACTED] entered the installation, coming from the direction of the Buchholz Forst. Soldiers were seen receiving instruction on 76.2-mm field guns, range finders, aiming circles, map reading and field telephones in the area of the installation. [REDACTED]

- 25X1 9. On 9 July, the Moltke Kaserne on Ludwigsluster Strasse was occupied by about 1,200 soldiers. On 4 July, T-34 tanks [REDACTED] returned to the installation. [REDACTED]

- 25X1 10. On 4 July, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Goerries, southwest of Schwerin was occupied by about 800 soldiers. Very little training was observed, but there was a great deal of athletics and much maintenance work on motor vehicles. The radio stations in the middle of the airfield along the road to Fasanenhof and in the southeastern corner of the installation were still there. [REDACTED]

- 25X1 11. On 30 June, the Fritsch Kaserne was occupied by about 800 soldiers, wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and black-bordered crimson epaulets. There was little training activity. [REDACTED]

12. On 28 June, the Moltke Kaserne was occupied by about 800 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. There was little activity in the barracks area. Fifteen trucks and about 10 x 122-mm field howitzers parked in front of the garages. About 300 soldiers armed with small arms were engaged in combat training in the training area across from the installation. [REDACTED]

25X1

13. On 28 June, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne was occupied by about 1,500 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, including some with red-bordered black epaulets. About 400 soldiers received drill with small arms at squad level in the southern section of the installation. At 5 p.m., about 300 soldiers organized into groups of 30 to 34 soldiers armed with small arms and with each group carrying two light machine guns entered the installation, coming from the south. Each group was followed by two telephone sections

SECRET/CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY

SECRET/CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY

25X1

25X1

- 3 -

each consisting of six soldiers carrying two cable reels and two field telephones. This unit was followed directly by four trucks carrying practice targets and other firing equipment.

14. On 30 June, the DAF building at the intersection of Hagenower Strasse and Ludwigsluster Strasse was guarded by a sentry wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Motor vehicles seen entering and leaving the installation

15. beginning in early June 1952, officers of the headquarters were rotated to courses of instruction on chemical defense which were held in Magdeburg (M 53/D 69). when officers returned from these courses their uniform buttons had become completely dull. The officers said that the buttons were of poor quality and had oxidized. On 27 June, a lieutenant general spent the night at the Fliegerhorst installation. A colonel entered the general's quarters on the following day. Beginning at 10 a.m., individual officers of the headquarters appeared at the general's quarters where they stayed for about 30 minutes.

16. On 28 June, the Hindenburg Kaserne on Guestrower Strasse was about two thirds occupied. about 50 soldiers and two rocket launchers in the quarters of the rocket launcher unit, which had been previously reported. when the rear detail left the installation for practices in Werderholz, they wore gasmasks. On 1 July, 17 trucks proceeded in the direction of Buchholz. *

17. the following shipments were loaded or unloaded at the Schwerin railroad station;

Date	Number and Type of Cars	Load	From	To
10 June	1 boxcar and 2 flatcars with sideracks	military goods	Magdeburg-Harbor	Schwerin
12	2 boxcars	clothing	Schoenebeck	Schwerin
	2 boxcars	ammunition	Altengrabow	Schwerin
16	50 flatcars with sideracks	trucks	Frankfurt/Oder	Schwerin

SECRET/CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY

SECRET/CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY

25X1

- 4 -

25X1

	10 flatcars with side-racks	military goods	Schwerin	Hagenow
17	2 boxcars	military goods	Schoenebeck	Schwerin
	1 flatcar	military goods	Chemnitz	Schwerin
19	4 flatcars with side-racks and 2 boxcars	SP guns	Jaerwitz	Schwerin
20	1 tank car	gasoline	Schwerin	Hagenow
	3 boxcars	ammunition	Schwerin	Altengrabow
21	1 boxcar	flour	Magdeburg	Schwerin
23	1 boxcar	furniture	Schwerin	Schoenberg
	1 boxcar	furniture	Schwerin	Teltow
	3 flatcars with side-racks	military goods	Schwerin	Magdeburg
	4 flatcars with side-racks	military goods	Schwerin	Haldensleben
24	1 flatcar with side-racks	military goods	Schwerin	Halle/Saale
	1 boxcar	flour	Schwerin	Wismar
26	5 flatcars with side-racks	ammunition	Altengrabow	Schwerin
27	1 flatcar with side-racks	military goods	Strausberg	Schwerin
	1 boxcar	military goods	Koenigsborn	Schwerin
29	1 boxcar	furniture	Teltow	Schwerin
30	1 boxcar	military goods	Annaberg	Schwerin

SECRET/CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY

SECRET/CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY

25X1

25X1

- 5 -

* [] Comment. The Hindenburg Kaserne and the Adolf Hitler Kaserne appeared to be less occupied than previously. The other barracks installations seemed to be occupied as previously. [] It is possible that units of the 10th Gds RL Regt of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps, stationed at the Hindenburg Kaserne were outside the post for short-term practices, and that units of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div which were rotated in the vicinity of their posts also participated. Units of the 286th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt from the Adolf Hitler Kaserne may have been committed to border guard duty along the zonal borders, as is vaguely indicated by a report that a hutment was occupied by Soviet troops near Schlagsdorf (M 54/T 07) on 10 July.

25X1

** [] Comment. It was reported [] that the DAF building, which previously housed the headquarters of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, was completely vacant and unguarded. [] The motor vehicle [] belong to the afore mentioned division.

25X1

25X1

SECRET/CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY